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65. (New) The fiber of claim 64, wherein the fiber has a zero-dispersion wavelength of less than about 1450 nm.

66. (New) The fiber according to claim 59, wherein the fiber has an effective area of greater than 50 μm^2 .

67. (New) The fiber according to claim 66, wherein the fiber has an effective area of about 55 μm^2 .

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to conform them to the Article 34 amendment filed in PCT/EP99/06958, to conform them to U.S. practice and to eliminate multiple claim dependency. Claims 35-67 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

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